

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

May 2, 2019, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/OaZnaT68GLs>

## AGENDA

Thursday, May 2, 2019, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
  - Kirk Woodward, Chairman
  
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
  - Kirk Woodward, Chairman
  
3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
  - Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair
    - Bighorn Sheep MOU Report – Jace Taylor
    - Primitive Weapon Definition – included in recommendations
    - Barney Top LE Archery Only Elk Proposal Update – Covy Jones
    - Elk Season Structure – Calendar View – Covy Jones
    - Book Cliffs Committee update – Dax Mangus
  
4. DWR Update **INFORMATION**
  - Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
  
5. R657-5 Big Game & R657-62 Draw Applications Rule Amendments **ACTION**
  - Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator
  
6. Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2019 **ACTION**
  - Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator
  
7. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2019 **ACTION**
  - Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator
  
8. R657-37 CWMU Rule Amendments **ACTION**
  - Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
  
9. 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations **ACTION**
  - Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
  
10. R657-44 Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments **ACTION**
  - Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
  
11. R657-41 Conservation and Sportsman Permit Rule Amendments **ACTION**
  - Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief
  
12. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
  - Kirk Woodward, Chairman

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)

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**Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Wildlife Board Meeting.**

3) Old Business/Action Log DWR Update (**Informational**)

**Bighorn Sheep MOU Report – Jace Taylor**  
**Primitive Weapon Definition – included in recommendations**  
**Barney Top LE Archery Only Elk Proposal Update – Covy Jones**  
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**Book Cliffs Committee update – Boyde Blackwell**

4) R657-5 Big Game & R657-62 Draw Applications Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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5) Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2019 (**Action**)

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**MOTION: I move that we adjust the recommended increase on the South Slope Yellowstone unit general season deer tags from 150 to 100.**

The following motion was made by chairman Woodward.

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division research the possibility of moving the application deadline to after establishing permit numbers.**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the 2019 Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

5) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2019 (Action)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4 to 2. Kevin Albrecht and Karl Hirst opposed.

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The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the 2019 recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented.**

6) R65-3 CWMU Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Rule Amendments R657-3 as presented by the Division.**

7) 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

8) R657-44 Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments R657-44 as presented by the Division.**

9) R657-41 Conservation and Sportsman Permit Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we maintain the one-year program and permit conservation groups – their employees and agents – the authority to purchase an auction tag at live, public, well-advertised auctions at whatever bid price and accept the remainder of the rule amendments.**

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Attendance

**Wildlife Board**

Kirk Woodward – Chair	Kevin Albrecht
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair	Calvin Crandall
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Steve Dalton
	Karl Hirst
	Donnie Hunter

**RAC Chairs**

Central – Kris Marble  
Southern – Dave Black  
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin  
Northeastern – Randy Dearth  
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

**Division Personnel**

Mike Canning	Mike Christensen	Steve Newren	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Paul Gedge	Phil Gray	Jace Taylor
Justin Dolling	Staci Coons	Drew Dittmer	Mike Wardle
Kevin Bunnell	Thu Vo-Wood	Bruce Johnson	Covy Jones
Boyde Blackwell	Greg Hansen	Chad Bettridge	Darren DeBloois
Jason Vernon	Marty Bushman	Matt Briggs	Kent Hersey
Chris Wood	Faith Jolley	Paul Washburn	Jim Christensen
Drew Cushing	Lindy Varney	Ben Wolford	
Robin Cahoon	Randall Thacker	Torrey Christophersen	
Rick Olson	Teresa Griffin	Dave Beveridge	
Ben Nadolski	Guy Wallace		
	Randy Wood		
	Riley Peck		

**Public Present**

Bryce Pilling	Mat Farnsworth	Bill Christensen - RMEF
Bret Selman	Joe Moore	Sierra Nelson – UT Woolgrowers Assoc.
Ken Clegg	Colten Richens	Ben Lowder – UT Archery Association
Lee Tracy	Ken Strong	Troy Justensen – SFW
Tyler Farr – UHA	Mitch Herzog	Jon Leonard – Hunts for the Brave
Steve Sorensen – SFW	Mike Christensen	

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- 00:00:28** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:02:04** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**
- 00:02:24** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Wildlife Board Meeting.**
- 00:02:58** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**  
The following action log items were discussed:
- 00:03:43 **Bighorn Sheep MOU Report – Jace Taylor**  
00:05:05 **Primitive Weapon Definition – included in recommendations**  
**Barney Top LE Archery Only Elk Proposal Update – Covy Jones**  
**Elk Season Structure – Calendar View – Covy Jones**  
00:19:13 **Book Cliffs Committee update – Boyde Blackwell**
- 00:24:43** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**  
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on winter condition effects on mule deer, big game capture, legislative bills and appropriations, staffing changes, and aquatics production and management.
- 00:34:00** **5) R657-5 Big Game & R657-62 Draw Applications Rule Amendments (Action)**  
Covy Jones presented the rule amendments.
- 00:41:58** **Board Questions**  
The board asked for clarification on where this fits in the hunt schedule, weapons inclusion/exclusion, COR bighorn sheep removal, and two hunt option.
- 00:47:01** **Public Questions**  
Public questions accepted at this time.
- 00:48:35** **RAC Recommendations**

Central and Southern RACs had stipulations. The RACs passed the amendments with varying dissent.

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

**00:50:58 Public Comments**

Public comments accepted at this time.

**00:56:53 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions. The board asked for further clarification on the thought process in determining weapons.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the rule amendments for R657-5 Big Game and R657-62 Draw Applications as presented with the inclusion of shotguns as a primitive weapon.**

**01:01:13 6) Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2019 (Action)**

Covy Jones presented the 2019 recommendations.

**01:27:14 Board Questions**

The board asked for clarification on why the presentation did not provide specific numbers and units, and discussed Pine Valley at length.

**01:48:13 Public Questions**

Public questions accepted at this time.

**01:55:11 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs had several conditions for the recommendations and varying dissent on each. They all passed the remainder of the recommendations.

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

**02:03:57 Public Comments**

Public comments accepted at this time.

**02:16:53 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions. The board discussed the South Cache elk unit.

**02:24:52** The Board discussed Pine Valley and addressed crowding issues.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendation for Pine Valley with an increase of 300 tags for the 2019 general season permit numbers.**

The following amended motion was made by Karl Hirst and failed for lack of a second.

**MOTION: I move that we keep the 20/20/20/40 allocation – same number of weapons, same number of hunter – but reallocate the number of general season tags to the early rifle hunt to address the overcrowding.**

02:32:16

The Board discussed the Zion sheep recommendations.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we keep the Zion sheep rifle tag numbers the same as in 2018 – 11 – with the addition of three (3) archery tags.**

02:35:33

Manti discussion.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we decrease the deer tags on the Manti unit by 500.**

02:39:23

South Cache elk tag numbers discussion.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 4 to 2. Kevin Albrecht and Karl Hirst opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we decrease the South Cache elk unit from 53 to 40 tags.**

02:41:32

The Board addressed the Beaver unit with no motion made.

02:45:43

The Board discussed the South Slope Yellowstone unit.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and was withdrawn.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Northeast RAC's recommendation to increase to 50 instead of 150**

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we adjust the recommended increase on the South Slope Yellowstone unit general season deer tags from 150 to 100.**

02:49:13

The Board talked about the Thousand Lake unit with no motion.

02:50:28

The Board discussed adding an action log to look into moving the application deadline after established permit numbers. The Chairman requested Lindy Varney look into the Southern RAC's request.

The following motion was made by chairman Woodward.

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division research the possibility of moving the application deadline to after establishing permit numbers.**

02:56:10

The Board opened a discussion on the Central RAC's proposal to look at the elk plan. No motion was made.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the 2019 Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

**03:00:16 LUNCH BREAK**

**03:47:26 7) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2019 (Action)**

Covy Jones presented the antlerless permit recommendations.

**04:06:43 RAC Recommendations**

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

Central and Northern RACs unanimously passed the recommendations. Southern and Northeast RACs had stipulations and passed the remainder unanimously.

**04:09:33 Public Comments**

Public comments accepted.

**04:14:10 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC votes. The Board and RAC asked for further clarification on the North Beaver unit.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4 to 2. Kevin Albrecht and Karl Hirst opposed.

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**04:41:56 8) R657-37 CWMU Rule Amendments (Action)**

Mike Wardle presented the rule amendments.

**04:49:38 Board Questions**

The Board asked for clarification on depredation assistance and acreage qualification.

**04:51:30 RAC Recommendations**

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

Northern, Northeast, and Southern RACs unanimously passed the amendments. Central RAC passed it 9:2.

**04:53:17 Public Comments**

Public comments accepted.

**04:57:09 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Rule Amendments R657-3 as presented by the Division.**

**04:57:40 9) 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (Action)**

Mike Wardle presented the recommendations.

**05:02:45 RAC Recommendations**

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

All other RACs unanimously passed the recommendations. Southern RAC had one abstention.

**05:03:19 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

**05:03:44 10) R657-44 Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments (Action)**

Mike Wardle presented the rule amendments.

**05:06:59 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs unanimously passed the rule amendments except Southeast RAC, which did not have a quorum to vote.

**05:07:16 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments R657-44 as presented by the Division.**

**05:07:40 11) R657-41 Conservation and Sportsman Permit Rule Amendments (Action)**  
Greg Hansen presented the rule amendments.

**05:16:43 Public Questions**  
Public questions accepted.

**05:20:14 RAC Recommendations**  
Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.  
All other RACs passed the rule amendments with varying dissent, abstention, and exceptions.

**05:22:44 Public Comments**  
Public comments accepted.

**05:29:32 Board Discussion**  
The Board discussed pursuit permits and the 3-year program.  
The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we maintain the one-year program and permit conservation groups – their employees and agents – the authority to purchase an auction tag at live, public, well-advertised auctions at whatever bid price and accept the remainder of the rule amendments.**

**05:36:08 12) Other Business (Contingent)**  
Karl Hirst restated his motion that was withdrawn earlier in item 5. He explained that it included a redistribution of additional tags to the early rifle hunt to address crowding.  
Covy Jones and Lindy Varney explained that it would be difficult and impossible to meet this proposal and include it in this year's draw.  
Karl agreed to withdraw the proposal completely.

**05:39:06 Meeting adjourned.**